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TITLE: METHOD AND CIRCUIT FOR CONTACTLESS IGNITION OF A  
WELDING ARC WITH HIGH FREQUENCY IGNITION PULSE  
PACKETS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE

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Dear Commissioner:

In advance of continued examination and in response to the  
Final Office Action dated April 20, 2009, please amend the above-  
identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.